consultation with expertise available in the concerned Ministries of the Government of India.

(b) to (d) There is no technical manpower in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. The Ministry had moved a proposal for creation a small complement of 'Technical Cell" in the Ministry, consisting of 1 Superintending Engineer, 2 Executive Engineers, 4 Assistant Executive Engineers, 3 Personal Assistants, 1 Upper Division Clerk and 2 Peons. The proposal has not been approved by the Ministry of Finance as of now.

Projects under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for NER

2153. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a total of 663 projects have been sanctioned at an approved cost of Rs. 4.151 crores under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many projects have been sanctioned for Assam along out of 663 projects under NLCPR?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine (759) projects at an approved cost of Rs. 5096.98 crore have sanctioned up to 28.02.2006 under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the North Eastern Region.

(b) Details are available on our website <www.mdoner.gov.in>

(c) Out of total 759 projects sanctioned for North Eastern Region under NLCPR, 234 projects have been sanctioned for Assam up to 28.02.2006.

Fund for Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal

†2154. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that package of 90 crores rupees was announced

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

by three successive Prime Ministers for the institute of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) established in Manipur;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that no amount has been disbursed so far development of RIMS under the said package; and

(c) the reasons for not disbursing the said amount and by when the said amount would be disbursed?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) Phase-ll of the project to upgrade the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal was included under the Prime Minister's Packages of 199P and 1997. There was considerable delay in preparation and processing of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) The Planning Commission held a meeting on 24.01.2006 to discuss the DPR submitted by RIMS with project cost restricted to funds available during Tenth Plan. After discussion it was agreed that a comprehensive DPR be prepared. The planning Commission has since accorded "in principle" approval on 20.02.2006. The comprehensive DPR is in the stage of preparation.

Accredited Institutes in Karnataka

2155. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accredited institutions in Karnataka and the number of such institutions where Internal Quality Assurance Ceil have been established as proposed by National Assessment and Accreditation Council;

(b) whether the institutions that have failed to establish this cell, would be disqualified for reaccreditation; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with the State Government to establish a State Quality Assurance Cell under the Higher Education Department to bring accountability of the institutions for quality and probity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to information furnished by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), the NAAC has so far accredited 8 Universities and